Komi Can't Communicate

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AND TODAY IS THE SECOND STAGE OF THE SELECTION PROCESS!
I WANT TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AT AOYAMA ACADEMY!
I'M SUPER NERVOUS!
...I'LL DO MY BEST!!
BUT...
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Communication 437: Group Discussion, Part 1

Stage Two!
Maruko teaches!!
What is group discussion?!
I hope ya don't mind!

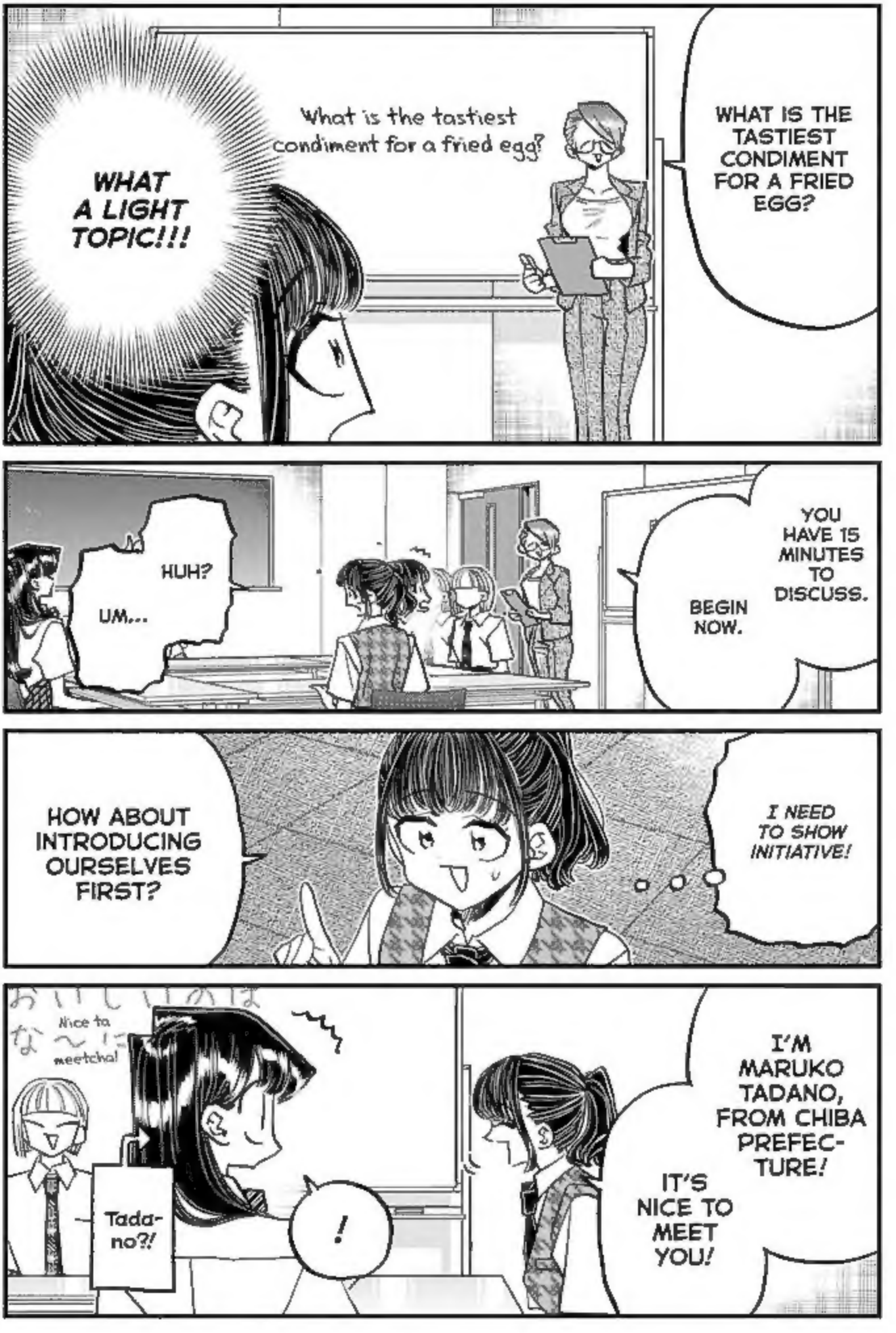
What is more important? Money? Or love?
EXAMINERS EVALUATE CANDIDATES' SPEECH AND BEHAVIOR, AS WELL AS HOW THEY ADVANCE THE DISCUSSION AND INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER.
CANDIDATES DEBATE A TOPIC AND REACH A CONCLUSION WITHIN A TIME LIMIT.

...BUT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOESN'T STAND OUT MAY STILL FAIL.
FAIL...
不合格...
SHE TURNED INTO A DUMPLING
団子になりました。
PASS!
合格!
THE DISCUSSION MAY GO WELL AND REACH A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION...

SO IT'S TERRI-FYING!
THEN THE WHOLE GROUP MIGHT FAIL!!
AND IF SOMEONE IN THE GROUP DISRUPTS THE CONVERSATION OR IF SOMEONE ACTS WEIRD...
...OR IS JUST SORTA... YOU KNOW!

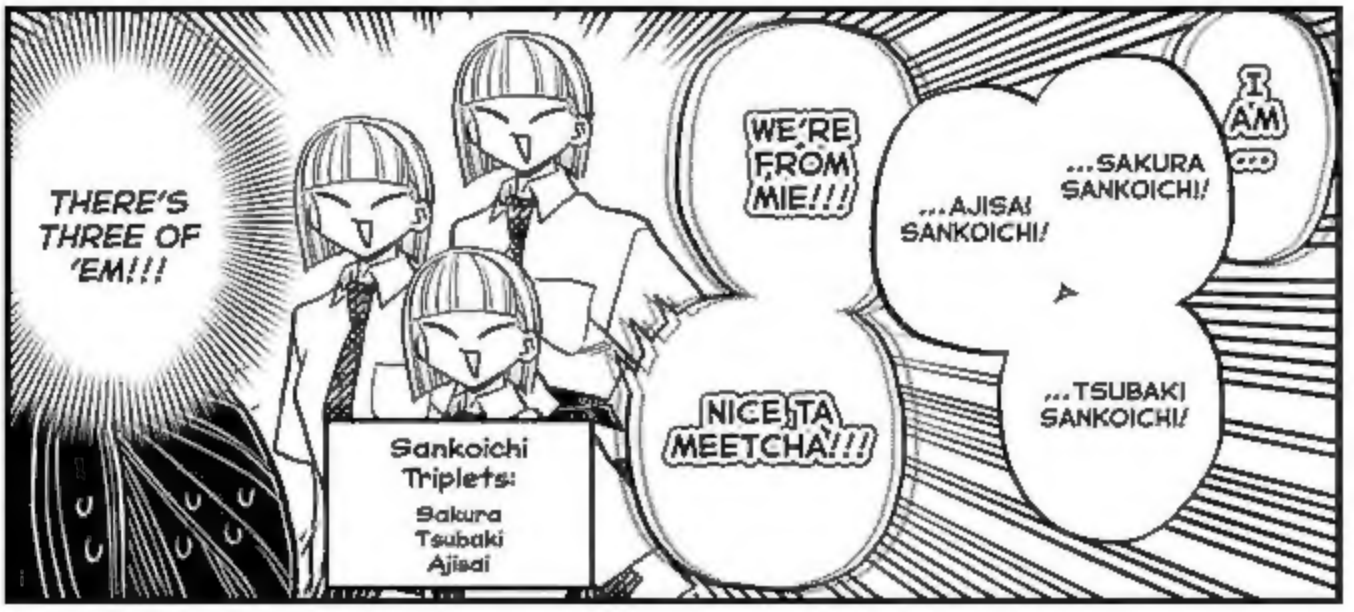
SO I GOTTA READ THE MOOD!
HMPH!
GROUPS ARE ABOUT TEAMWORK! NOT RIVALRY!
むぅ～
HMPH!
WHOA...
PUSH
THAT GIRL'S PRETTY!

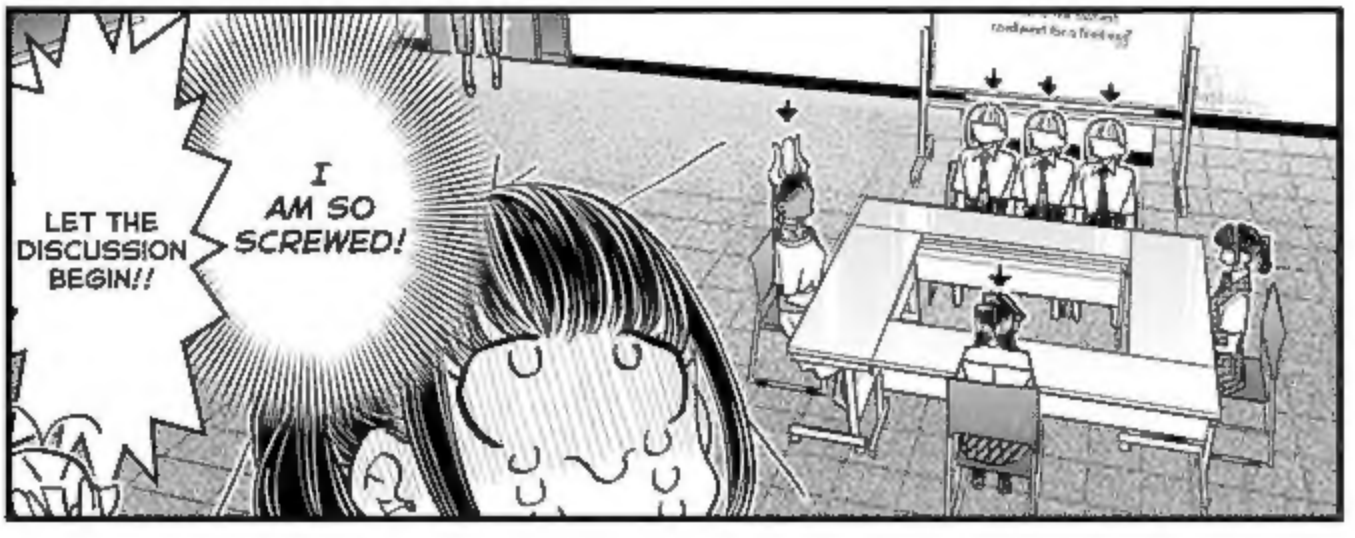
IS IT OKAY FOR A SHRIMP LIKE ME TO ATTEND AOYAMA?
*And herself.
CANDIDATE NUMBER 265... 533...
265... 533...
265
*She's quick to judge others.
I BET SHE'S THE TYPE TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCER AND MARRY A MAJOR LEAGUER!
*She's got goals!
HMPH!
...SO I GOTTA DO MY BEST!
BUT AOYAMA GRADS GET GREAT JOBS...
!
I WILL ASSIGN THE TOPIC.
STAGE TWO IS A GROUP DISCUSSION.
EXAMPLES
• HOW WILL A.I. SHAPE SOCIETY?
• HOW IS JAPANESE EDUCATION IN NEED OF REFORM?
• WHAT MAKES A LEADER?
• WHAT ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES SURROUNDING FOREIGN LABORERS?
• WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF HAPPINESS?
ETC...
I'VE GIVEN THOUGHT TO MANY LIKELY THEMES...
...SO I'VE GOT THIS!


WHAT A LIGHT TOPIC!!!
What is the tastiest condiment for a fried egg?
WHAT IS THE TASTIEST CONDIMENT FOR A FRIED EGG?
HUH?
UM...
YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES TO DISCUSS.
BEGIN NOW.
HOW ABOUT INTRODUCING OURSELVES FIRST?
I NEED TO SHOW INITIATIVE!
おいしいのはな～に
Nice to meetcha!
Tada-no?!
!
I'M MARUKO TADANO, FROM CHIBA PREFEC-TURE!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!

WHY IS SHE STARING AT ME?!
AAAAARE
STAARE
STAARE
STAARE
LET'S GO CLOCKWISE.
!!
DOES SHE WANT TO GO NEXT?
ULP...
GLEAM
...SO I DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
I'M UP AGAINST SOMEONE WHO'S BEAUTIFUL AND CONFIDENT...

WHAT?!
...YOU.
...TO MEET...
IT'S N-NICE...
FUMP スワリ。
I'M...SH-SHOKO...
...SHOKO KOMI.
OKAY, UM... NEXT!
...
AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN?!
SWUP スッ
EGYPT?!
EGYPT.
Setsuko Hatohori
(totally Japanese)





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